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Honorable Director of the
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Sir:

In response to the office action of March 8, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please change the title to:

--Automatic Multiple-Decanting Centrifuge and Container Therefor--

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 14 (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising divider means for dividing said first chamber into two [pads] parts, said divider means being located near the expected location of the interface between said precipitate and said liquid.

22. (Amended) A system for treating physiological products, comprising:
a centrifuge;

a container having at least a first chamber and a second chamber, wherein each of the first and second chambers has a top portion, a bottom portion and a set of walls, wherein the top portions of the first chamber and second chamber are connected by a bridge for transferring fluid therebetween; and

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